

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: OVIP, YE, US  
SUBJECT:POSSIBLE VISIT BY SECRETARY TO YEMEN

1. DURING JUNE 19 MEETING, FOREIGN MINISTER ABDALLAH AL-ASNAJ TOLD ME THAT YARG AMBASSADOR TO IRAN, WHO CURRENTLY BACK ON CONSULTATIONS IN SANA, HAS INFORMED PRESIDENT AL-AHAMDI THAT SECRETARY VANCE HAD TALK WITH HIM DURING SECRETARY' VISIT CENTO MEETING IN TEHRAN. DURING TALK WHICH APPARENTLY OCCURRED AT DIPLOMATIC RECEPTION AMBASSADOR ALLEGES THAT SECRETARY STATED YEMEN WOULD BE INCLUDED ON HIS UP-COMING ITINERARY TO MIDDLE EAST.

2. AL-ASNAJ CONTINUED THAT PRESIDENT AL-HAMDI WAS VERY MUCH PLEASED WITH IDEA AND HAS ASKED AL-ASNAJ TO ASCERTAIN IF IN FACT SECRETARY DOES PLAN TO INCLUDE YEMEN AND WHAT DATES WOULD BE INVOLVED. AL-ASNAJ STRESSED THAT AL-HAMDI AND THE YEMEN GOVERNMENT WOULD VERY MUCH LIKE FOR SECRETARY

TO PAY VISIT TO YEMEN.

3. AL-ASNAJ COMMENTED THAT PERHAPS YEMENI AMBASSADOR DID NOT UNDERSTAND THAT SECRETARY VANCE WAS JUST MAKING POLITE GENERAL COMMENT BUT AL-ASNAJ EXPRESSED HOPE THAT SECRETARY COULD IN FACT MAKE EVEN SHORT VISIT TO YEMEN WHEN HE COMES TO MIDDLE EAST THIS SUMMER.

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12. COMMENT: I ASSUME THAT SECRETARY WAS IN FACT MAKING POLITE COCKTAIL TALK BUT WOULD APPRECIATE BEING GIVEN SOME GUIDANCE FOR FUTURE MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER. OF COURSE, I THINK IT WOULD BE USEFUL IF SECRETARY COULD INCLUDE YEMEN ON HIS ITINERARY BUT REALIZE FULL WELL THAT GIVEN THE DEMANDS ON THE SECRETARY'S SCHEDULE SUCH VISIT IS

NOT LIKELY AT THIS TIME.

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